

STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., JULY 26TH, 2018 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 26th day of July, 2018 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, *The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community and throughout the county; and*

WHEREAS, *Father Joseph Bayne has devoted his entire life to service and to help those who need help, joined the Franciscan order in 1975 after graduating high school and has lived his life with Franciscan values including service, humility, peacemaking, joy, and respect;*

WHEREAS, *Father Joseph Bayne was asked by the Franciscans to come to Buffalo in 1989 to open a youth center that became known as the Franciscan Center of Buffalo; and*

WHEREAS, *Father Joseph Bayne has served for 38 years as the center's Executive Director which served as a shelter for young men who were homeless or runaways and provided guidance through the center's Living Skills and Emotional Life Steps Programs; and*

WHEREAS, *Father Joseph Bayne also has a ministry, which he calls a "ministry of presence", serving first responders as the Chaplain of Erie County Emergency Services and the Buffalo Fire Department and has provided on-site support during emergencies including 9-11 and the crash of flight 3407; and*

WHEREAS, *Father Joseph Bayne comes from a fire fighter family with his brother and mother who served the Baltimore Fire Department, and his father Joseph Sr., who gave his life in service in 1977, fighting a high-rise fire in Baltimore; and*

WHEREAS, *Father Joseph Bayne will be leaving the City of Buffalo to continue his ministry and to serve God by helping others in Massachusetts and it is with gratitude and deep appreciation that Western New York wishes him well as he starts this new chapter of service to others.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and honor Father Joseph Bayne for his service to the community and to the lives he improved through his decades of ministry in Western New York. .*